



A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEMBERS OF
MISSISSIPPI'S SENATE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES

Whereas: On the day of the dedication of the nation's first institution of higher education created for the purpose of educating women for leadership and service, the Governor of Mississippi pronounced the institution (now known as Mississippi University for Women) to be "a jewel" and encouraged Mississippians "to preserve" it; and

Whereas: That institution has endured for 125 years, during which time the institution has faced and overcome multiple attempts to close her; and

Whereas: There are thousands of graduates of Mississippi University for Women, women and men, who take great pride in the name on their diplomas; and

Whereas: With its current name, Mississippi University for Women has achieved a national reputation for excellence and has annually been highly ranked in national surveys of colleges and universities; and

Whereas: Expending the state's limited resources during this time of economic recession on renaming the institution would divert dollars critically needed in areas more fundamental to the academic and programmatic needs of the institution; and

Whereas: Members of the IHL Board are not elected representatives of the people of the State of Mississippi;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the duly elected Board of Directors of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association unanimously commends Senator Doug Davis, Chair of the Mississippi Senate's Colleges and Universities Committee for conducting a fair and impartial hearing on Senate Bill SB2702; and

Be It further Resolved: That the duly elected Board of Directors of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association unanimously commends all members of the Mississippi Senate's Colleges and University Committee for their careful deliberation of Senate Bill SB2702 and their wise decision to preserve Mississippi's jewel by taking no action giving the IHL Board the power to change the name of Mississippi University for Women;

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be presented to the following:

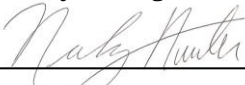
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Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant



Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Signed by M. Anghaarad Teague Dees, President

Date



Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Attested by Neely Woods Hunter, Vice President

Date

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